

**Coast Guard****[CGD 95-066]****National Environmental Policy Act  
Final Environmental Impact Statement  
for the USCG Atlantic Protected Living  
Marine Resource Initiative****AGENCY:** Coast Guard, DOT.**ACTION:** Notice of availability.

**SUMMARY:** The Coast Guard announces the availability of the Final Environmental Impact Statement (FEIS) for the Atlantic Protected Living Marine Resource Initiative (APLMR) that it is proposing for the Atlantic Coast of the United States. The FEIS contains an overview of the Coast Guard missions and describes how the proposed action aids the Coast Guard in its ability to fulfill its missions and enhance preservation of protected species. This FEIS was prepared concurrently with an Endangered Species Act consultation with the National Marine Fisheries Service.

**DATES:** The review period for this FEIS will end on 9 December 1996.

**ADDRESSES:** Commandant (G-O), U.S. Coast Guard Headquarters, 2100 2nd St SW, Washington, DC 20593-0001, ATTN: CDR Rooth.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Commander R. Rooth at (202) 267-1456, or by fax at (202) 267-4427 or (202) 267-4222.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** The Coast Guard encourages interested persons to review the FEIS.

**Background Information**

On August 9, 1995, the Coast Guard published, in the Federal Register (60 FR 40631), a notice of availability and request for comments announcing the availability of an Environmental Assessment (EA) and a proposed Finding of No Significant Impact (FONSI) on Coast Guard activities along the U.S. Atlantic coast. On October 11, 1995, the Coast Guard published in the Federal Register (60 FR 52949), a notice reopening and extending the comment period for the EA and FONSI.

The EA focused on the six whale and five turtle species listed as threatened or endangered found along the Atlantic coast. The Coast Guard received comments from Federal, State, and local agencies and the public.

On April 2, 1996, the Coast Guard published, in the Federal Register (61 FR 14590), a notice of intent to prepare an Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) to assess the impacts of a revised proposed project under Section 102(2)(C) of the National Environmental

Policy Act. The decision to prepare an EIS was the result of new information concerning the October 1995 interaction between a Coast Guard vessel and a suspected Humpback whale, as well as recent observations of increased Northern Right Whale mortalities, and comments received in response to the EA and FONSI.

The Coast Guard prepared a Draft Environmental Impact Statement (DEIS) and on July 31, 1996, published, in the Federal Register (61 FR 40062), a notice of availability and request for comments. The comment period ended September 16, 1996. All comments received on the DEIS were considered and addressed in the FEIS.

**Proposed Action**

The FEIS contains an overview of the Coast Guard missions and describes how the proposed action, the Atlantic Protected Living Marine Resource Initiative, aids the Coast Guard in fulfilling its mission while enhancing preservation of protected species. The proposed initiative in this FEIS works to preserve all protected species in the Atlantic.

Measures evaluated in the FEIS include:

1. Adding protected species information as part of the testing criteria for the public applying for USCG licenses to operate vessels.
2. Training programs on marine mammal identification for USCG vessel lookouts.
3. Distributing notices of species locations via marine radio (operating on VHF-FM frequency) and the NAVTEX program.
4. Surveying critical habitat areas, noting presence and activities of protected species.
5. Focusing on enforcement of existing laws.
6. Participating in regional whale recovery implementation groups.
7. Establishing or modifying vessel traffic routes.
8. Developing Coast Guard-wide and regional procedures to alert mariners of seasonally heightened potentials for interaction with protected species.
9. Including protected species awareness information in USCG basic boating safety training provided to the public.
10. Notifying the National Marine Fisheries Service regional office when a significant incident is brought to the attention of the Coast Guard.
11. Participating in regional species stranding networks.
12. Surveying lighting options for Coast Guard stations in the vicinity of turtle nesting beaches.

In its FEIS, the Coast Guard evaluates the latest data on the habits and habitats of protected species and the location of Coast Guard stations and vessels. The FEIS also examines navigational capabilities of Coast Guard vessels, training of Coast Guard employees regarding protected species, and possible modifications of vessel traffic control and aircraft operations. The FEIS also analyzes cumulative impacts of Coast Guard assets operating together and in conjunction with other vessels. This FEIS will serve as the basis for the Coast Guard's final Record of Decision (ROD) on the proposed APLMR Initiative.

Dated: October 28, 1996.

T.J. Meyers,

*Captain, U.S. Coast Guard, Chief, Office of Aids to Navigation.*

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**[CGD 96-044]****International, Private-Sector, Tug of  
Opportunity System Plan****AGENCY:** Coast Guard, DOT.**ACTION:** Notice of meeting; request for comments.

**SUMMARY:** This notice provides notice of a public meeting to obtain views and comments from the public on the International Tug-of-Opportunity System (ITOS) plan for the Strait of Juan de Fuca and the Waters of the Olympic Coast National Marine Sanctuary to be held on November 26, 1996. This plan was prepared voluntarily by a cross section of the marine operating community in the State of Washington and British Columbia, Canada.

**DATES:** The meeting will be held November 26, 1996, from 9 a.m. to 12 p.m. and 6 p.m. to 9 p.m. Written statements and requests to make oral presentations should reach the Coast Guard on or before November 19, 1996. Other comments should reach the Coast Guard on or before November 30, 1996.

**ADDRESSES:** The meeting will be held in the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration Western Region Conference Center, Building Nine Auditorium, 7600 Sand Point Way N.E., Seattle, Washington. Written materials may be mailed to the Executive Secretary, Marine Safety Council (G-LRA), U.S. Coast Guard, 2100 Second Street SW., Washington, DC 20593-0001, or may be delivered to room 3406 at the same address between 9:30 a.m. and 2 p.m., Monday through Friday, except Federal holidays.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:**

Lieutenant W. M. Pittman, Office of Response (G-MOR-1), telephone (202) 267-0426, fax (202) 267-4085. The telephone number is equipped to record messages on a 24-hour basis.

#### SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

##### Background Information

On November 28, 1995, the President signed the Alaska Power Administration Asset Sale and Termination Act (Pub. L. 104-58), authorizing exports of Alaskan North Slope (ANS) crude oil when transported in U.S. flag tankers. Section 401 of the statute directs the Coast Guard to submit, within 15 months of enactment of the Act, a plan to Congress on the most cost-effective means of implementing an international private sector tug of opportunity system. The plan is to include a coordinated system of communication, using exiting towing vessels to provide timely emergency response to a vessel in distress transiting the waters within the boundaries of the Olympic Coast Marine Sanctuary or the Strait of Juan de Fuca.

In order to implement this action, the Department of Transportation has required that the Coast Guard establish marine safety requirements concerning crew qualification, tug performance capabilities, and response times which any proposed international tug-of-opportunity system (ITOS) must meet to ensure marine environmental safety. In addition, the Coast Guard has proposed to establish specific ITOS documentation requirements needed to properly describe the operation of any proposed ITOS so that it may be fully evaluated as required by Public Law 104-58.

These marine safety requirements and documentation requirements are contained in the Interim Report on the International, Private-Sector Tug-of-Opportunity System for the Waters of the Olympic National Marine Sanctuary and the Strait of Juan de Fuca and will be revised based upon public comments received in a prior public meeting held on October 17, 1996. The comments from the October 17, 1996 meeting will be addressed in a future notice.

The present meeting provides the public an opportunity to comment directly on the ITOS plan submitted by the marine operating community which the Coast Guard is currently reviewing. Initial copies of the interim report were provided to interested parties, distributed by Federal Register notice, and distributed at the October 17, 1996 public meeting. Additional copies of the interim report and copies of the ITOS plan may be obtained by contacting the Office of Response (G-MOR-1),

Directorate of Field Operations, US Coast Guard, 2100 Second Street SW., Washington DC 20593-0001 or by contacting the person listed under **FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT**.

##### Procedural

Attendance is open to the public. Persons wishing to make oral presentations at the meeting should notify the person listed under **FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT**, no later than November 19, 1996.

##### Information on Services for Individuals With Disabilities

For information on facilities or services for individuals with disabilities or to request special assistance at the meeting, contact the person listed under **FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT**.

Dated: October 25, 1996.

J.C. Card,

*Rear Admiral, U.S. Coast Guard, Chief, Marine Safety and Environmental Protection.*

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#### Federal Aviation Administration

##### Aviation Rulemaking Advisory Committee Meeting on Training and Qualifications

**AGENCY:** Federal Aviation Administration (FAA), DOT.

**ACTION:** Notice of meeting.

**SUMMARY:** The FAA is issuing this notice to advise the public of a meeting of the Federal Aviation Administration Aviation Rulemaking Advisory Committee to discuss training and qualification issues.

**DATES:** The meeting will be held on December 11, 1996 at noon.

**ADDRESSES:** The meeting will be held at the Regional Airlines Association, Third floor, 1200 19th St. NW., Washington, DC.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Ms. Regina L. Jones, (202) 267-9822, Office of Rulemaking (ARM-100), 800 Independence Avenue, SW., Washington, DC 20591.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** Pursuant to section 10(a)(2) of the Federal Advisory Committee Act (Pub. L. 92-463; 5 U.S.C. App. II), notice is hereby given of a meeting of the Aviation Rulemaking Advisory Committee (ARAC) to discuss training and qualification issues. This meeting will be held December 11, 1996, at noon, at the Regional Airlines Association. The agenda for this meeting will include the following: The Aircraft Dispatcher

Working Group will provide a recommendation regarding the Revision of Certification Requirements: Aircraft Dispatcher, part 65 proposed rulemaking; ARAC will vote on whether to approve the Aircraft Dispatcher Working Group's recommendation. The Operator Flight Attendant English Language Program Working Group will provide a recommendation on the disposition of comments made to the Advance Notice of Proposed Rulemaking No. 94-74, which proposes to amend the applicable portions of parts 123, 125, and 135. ARAC will recommend and vote on an appropriate rulemaking action (e.g., notice of proposed rule making, withdrawal) or issuance of advisory material in reference to the Advance Notice of Proposed Rulemaking No. 94-74. In addition, ARAC will discuss parts 121 and 135 training program advisory circular.

Attendance is open to the interested public but may be limited to the space available. The public must make arrangements in advance to present oral statements at the meeting or may present statements to the committee at any time. In addition, sign and oral interpretation can be made available at the meeting, as well as an assistive listening device, if requested 10 calendar days before the meeting.

Arrangements may be made by contacting the person listed under the heading **FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT**.

Issued in Washington, DC, on October 25, 1996.

Thomas Toula,

*Executive Director for Training and Qualifications, Aviation Rulemaking Advisory Committee.*

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##### Notice of Intent To Rule on Application To Impose and Use the Revenue From a Passenger Facility Charge (PFC) at Dane County Regional Airport; Madison, Wisconsin

**AGENCY:** Federal Aviation Administration (FAA), DOT.

**ACTION:** Notice of intent to rule on application.

**SUMMARY:** The FAA proposes to rule and invites public comment on the application to impose and use the revenue from a PFC at Dane County Regional Airport under the provisions of the Aviation Safety and Capacity Expansion Act of 1990 (Title IX of the Omnibus Budget Reconciliation Act of 1990) (Pub. L. 101-508) and Part 158 of